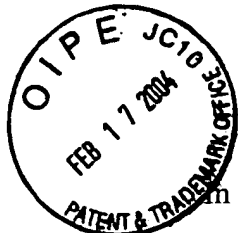


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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 10 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.